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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Patrick BENOIT et al. )  
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Application No.: 10/005,337 ) Group Art Unit: 1635  
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Filed: December 7, 2001 ) Examiner: Terra C. Gibbs  
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For: SEQUENCES UPSTREAM OF THE )  
CARP GENE, VECTORS )  
CONTAINING THEM AND USES )  
THEREOF )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2003 (the "Office Action"), Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. The period for reply having been extended for two months by a request for extension of time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, this reply is due by April 28, 2004, and is timely filed.

**An Amendment to the Specification** is on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Attachments** to this amendment include a supplemental Declaration and Power of Attorney under 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a), which is discussed on page 8 of this paper, and Exhibit 1 (pages from The American Heritage College Dictionary, Third Edition).